

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON SHIPBUILDING

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A. Activities of the Subcommittee

The operations of the Subcommittee on Shipbuilding did not change during Fiscal 1968 from those of the previous year. The monthly meetings continue to be strongly supported by the intelligence community, with broad representation from the participating agencies, DIA, Navy, NSA and CIA.

The Subcommittee continues to achieve its main purposes through discussion of new intelligence and new analysis. During 1968, these discussions led to several ad hoc meetings by members to resolve particularly important intelligence problems. The continuing exchange has reduced to a substantial extent the area of substantive differences within the community. This carries over into other meetings in an effective and efficient manner. It was pointed out in previous years that the exchanges to a practical extent determine those areas in which there is basic agreement -- in effect an informal list of agreed basic statistics. This continues to be true.

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25X1X7 During the past year a new Chairman was appointed to the Subcommittee. Under his leadership, the Subcommittee reviewed the need for a [REDACTED] shipbuilding conference. Between 13 and 17 May 1968, the [REDACTED] Conference was held in Washington under the sponsorship of the Economic Intelligence Committee.

There is nothing to report concerning review of proposals for external research, projects undertaken at the request of the EIC or proposed to the EIC, or intelligence research techniques.

B. Future Programs

The Subcommittee plans to continue the same type of operations as in the last year. Because Soviet maritime activities are expanding at a rapid pace, the monthly meetings will be an important research tool in the resolution of major intelligence problems.

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